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## Office Action Summary

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Inder P Mehra

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is in response to application dated: 8/10/01.

#### ***Claim Objections***

2. Claims 1-5 are objected to because of the following informalities: Appropriate correction is required.

- Claim 1 recites the limitation “a first wireless device” in line 4 should be changed to “the first wireless device”, because it is preceded by the same limitation in line 1.
- Claim 3 recites the limitation “a first wireless device” in line 4 should be changed to “the first wireless device”, because it is preceded by the same limitation in line 1.
- Claim 4 recites the limitation “recording” in line 1, it should be changed to “the recording”, because it is preceded by the same limitation in claim 1. Similar problem exists in claim 5.
- Claims 20 and 22, which are duplicate claims, depend from claim 19 common to both of them.

Appropriate clarification/clarification is required.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the

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specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Claim 17 recites "a content provider in communication with the access point" is not supported by specifications.

Appropriate correction or clarification is required.

5. Claims 1-5, 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- Claim 1 recites the limitation "the uploaded activity" in line 8. There is no antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Similar problem exists in line 10 of this claim, claim 2 line 3, claim 3 line 6, claim 10 lines 12 and 15, claim 11, line 4, claim 12 line 7, and line 10.
- Claim 3 recites limitation "the priority" for the first wireless device in line 11. There is no antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Appropriate clarification/clarification is required.

**Note: There exist similar problems in rest of the claims. Appropriate corrections be made in rest of the claims.**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1,10, 19-20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Wright et al** (US Patent No. 6,078,959), hereinafter, Wright.

For claim 1, Wright discloses “a method for allocating a plurality of transmission slots to a first wireless device (**each base station 102 of FIG. 1 employs a time division multiple access/frequency division duplex, i.e., TDMA/FDD, frame/slot structure for transmission and reception of communications to and from subscribers 103, refer to col. 4 lines 10-20**); wherein the plurality of transmission slots includes a plurality of allocated transmission slots (**allocated a connection resource, it is allocated a channel 204, i.e., one or more time slots 203 over a plurality of time frames 202, refer to col. 4 lines 25-27**) and a plurality of unallocated transmission slots (“**If there are available connection resources to allocate to the network-originated connection request 402---**”, refer to col. 5 lines 39-40); , the method comprising:

- establishing a first polling rate for a first wireless device, wherein the first polling rate allocates at least a first of the plurality of allocated transmission slots to the first wireless device (**the base station transmits a poll message in a time slot at the downlink frequency to indicate that a subscriber may transmit a resource request message in a time slot at the uplink frequency, for a connection request to the base station. In a presently preferred embodiment, the poll message**

**indicates one or more time slots in which a subscriber may transmit a resource request message to the respective base station, refer to col. 6 lines 5-15).**

- **polling the first wireless device according to the established first polling rate (in which a subscriber may transmit a resource request message to the respective base station, refer to col. 6 lines 5-15);**
- **recording the upload activity by the first wireless device in response to the polling', and allocating a first of the plurality of unallocated transmission slots to the first wireless device based upon the recorded upload activity (they may simply be queued at the respective server system, awaiting a connection resource allocation, refer to col. 1 lines 45-47).**
- **A processor and storage device, as recited by claim 10, (processing of the queued subscriber-originated connection requests, refer to col. 11 lines 55-57).**

For claim 19, Wright discloses “ method for operating a wireless device, the method comprising: receiving a first polling signal from an access point; responding to the first polling signal during a first allocated transmission slot by uploading a first amount of data; receiving a second polling signal from the access point, wherein the second polling signal corresponds to the first amount of data uploaded; uploading a second amount of data to the access point responsive to the second polling signal from the access point, refer to abstract and col. 16 lines 35-55.

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For claims 20 and 22, Wright disclose “wherein the first polling signal and the second polling signal are associated with a single polling cycle”, refer to abstract and col. 16 lines 35-55.

8. Claims 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Quayle et al** (US Patent No. 6, 865, 165), hereinafter, Quayle.

For claims 16-18, Quayle discloses “a system for allocating one of a plurality of transmission

slots, refer to fig. 14 and col. 12 line 63 through col. 13 line 20; the system comprising:

- an access point (RNC 14), ;
- a prioritizer connected to the access point (Scheduler in RNC 14); and
- a priority storage device connected to the prioritizer (Buffer or “Packet Queue” in RNC14, refer to fig. 14) for queuing)
- a content provider in communication with the access point. The system of claim 16, further comprising: a wireless device in communication with the access point **as recited by claim 17, refer to col. 1 lines 65-67.**
- a wireless device in communication with the access point, **as recited by claim 18,** refer to 17 in fig. 1.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are

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such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claims 2 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Wright et al**, hereinafter, Wright, as above, in view of **Hodzic et al** (US Patent No. 6,097,707), hereinafter, **Hodzic**.

For claims 2 and 11, Wright discloses all the limitations of subject matter, with the exception of the following limitations, which are disclosed by Hodzic, as follows:

“determining a first priority for the first wireless device, wherein the first priority is based upon the recorded upload activity” (When the system load profile (as determined by the algorithm) exceeds this threshold, the value of k determining the number of idle cycles imposed upon a TU would be adjusted according to a priority list, with higher priority TUs receiving a lower k number, refer to col. 11 lines 17-24).

It would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention to use the capability “determining a first priority for the first wireless device, wherein the first priority is based upon the recorded upload activity”. This capability can be implemented in access point or base station. The motivation for using this capability in the access point being that it optimizes the utilization of the shared channel.

11. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Wright et al**, hereinafter, Wright, as above, in view of **Minnick et al** (US Patent No. 6,370,381), hereinafter, Minnick.

For claim 4, Wright discloses all the limitations of subject matter, with the exception of the following limitations, which are disclosed by Minnick, as follows:



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- wherein recording the upload activity comprises: recording an amount of data uploaded from the first wireless device (store and forward function for storing the data messages transmitted by a mobile unit, refer to col. 26 lines 26-30);

It would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention to use the capability of recording the upload activity comprises: recording an amount of data uploaded from the first wireless device. This capability can be implemented in access point or base station. The motivation for using this capability in the access point being that it optimizes the utilization of the shared channel.

12. Claims 5 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Wright et al**, hereinafter, Wright, as above, in view of **Jones et al** (US Patent No. 6,490,256), hereinafter, Jones.

For claim 5, Wright discloses all the limitations of subject matter, with the exception of the following limitations, which are disclosed by Jones, as follows:

- wherein recording the upload activity comprises: recording an indicator that more data needs to be uploaded from the first wireless device, refer to col. 8 lines 15-30.
- a method for operating a wireless device, the method comprising: receiving a first polling signal from an access point; responding to the first polling signal during a first allocated transmission slot by uploading a first set of data and an additional-upload indicator; receiving a second polling signal from the access point, wherein the second polling signal is responsive to the additional-upload indicator; uploading a second set

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of data to the access point responsive to the second polling signal from the access point, refer to abstract and col. 16 lines 35-55 and col. 8 lines 20-30.

It would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention to use the capability of recording the upload activity comprises: recording an indicator that more data needs to be uploaded from the first wireless device. This capability can be implemented in access point or base station. The motivation for using this capability in the access point being that it optimizes the utilization of the shared channel.

13. Claims 6 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Quayle et al** (US Patent No. 6, 865, 165), hereinafter, Quayle in view of **Matsuno** (US Patent No. 5,613,211).

For claims 6 and 13, Quayle discloses “a method for allocating one of a plurality of transmission slots, wherein the plurality of transmission slots includes a plurality of allocated transmission slots and a plurality of unallocated transmission slots, the method comprising: determining a first priority factor for a first wireless device, the first priority factor based upon an amount of data uploaded by the first wireless device to an access point during a first of the plurality of allocated transmission slots; determining a second priority factor for a second wireless device, the second priority factor based upon an amount of data uploaded by the second wireless device to the access point during a second of the plurality of allocated transmission slots; comparing the first priority factor and the second priority factor; identifying the first wireless device as a priority wireless device based upon the comparison; and allocating a first of the plurality of unallocated transmission slots to the priority wireless device,( **The scheduler**

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receives these requests from all of the user equipment and the role of the scheduler is to allocate time on a traffic channels via time slots in accordance with the amount of data each user equipment has to send and also in accordance with the tier priority assigned to that subscriber's user equipment. Additionally, its tier of service, providing further accuracy to the prioritization scheme, determines the polling frequency of each subscriber terminal, refer to col. 13 lines 12-20”).

Quayle does not disclose expressly “comparing the first priority factor and the second priority factor”, which is disclosed by Matsuno, refer to col. 6 lines 50-55.

It would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention to use the capability of “**comparing the first priority factor and the second priority factor.**” The motivation for using this capability in the access point being that it provides priority to preferable subscribers.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

14. Claims 3, 7-9, 12 and 14-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

#### ***Prior Art of Record***

15. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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- Moore et al (US Patent No. 6,654,957) discloses a real time device polling method for multiplexed transmission of on/off constant bit rate data.

### *Conclusion*

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Inder P Mehra whose telephone number is 571-272-3170. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema Rao can be reached on 571-272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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